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Public Support For Police Said Imperative

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Editor: Reading your editorial on the Tom Sawyer case reminded me of a Senate Judiciary Committee Report that I read last year. I would like to quote from it, Mr. Kirkpatrick, inspector general on the staff of the Director of CIA speaking:

"Our police are among the foremost guardians of freedom and thus a major target of the Communists. The better the force, the greater its efficiency, the higher its competence in preserving the peace, the more vital it is for the Communists to destroy it."

Mr. Kirkpatrick goes on to explain: "The international Communist organization provides a training manual for espionage agents in which their duties are enumerated. This pocket-size pamphlet was seized in Europe. Let me para-

phrase the tasks assigned to agents in one of the countries of the free world: First, make investigations and report on the activities of the police and security services. Second, investigate and



repress those security organizations which support the government. Third, find ways to infiltrate into the police and security organizations to steal documents, particularly those recording their knowledge of communism and to destroy everything of value."

In light of the first task, it would be most interesting to discover the real purpose behind the Police Review Boards now becoming popular. It seems their chief function is to harass and discredit and discourage the police.

It is imperative that the public give its full support to the local police. If a question does arise concerning an individual policeman's integrity, it is important that the truth be sought and made public, for this is yet another weapon in the Communist arsenal.

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